

Minutes of the Plan Commission of the Town of Spring Green
February 13, 2007 | Spring Green Town Hall, E4411 Kennedy Road, Spring Green, WI

1. Fred Iausly called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Merlie was away.
2. Roll Call – Graves, Iausly, Schmidt, and Snyder; Merlie was absent.
3. Iausly attested that proper public notice had been made.
4. Motion adopting the Agenda, as posted / Iausly / Snyder / Motion passed unanimously.
5. Motion approving the Minutes from the January 2007 meeting, prepared by Grave / Schmidt / Snyder / Motion passed unanimously.

6. Updates & Communications:

- Snyder provided an update on the news of the FAA requirement about distance requirements from a lake and Bill _____ provided copies of a letter from the USDA re the issue. It appears that this may eliminate the recent sand-pit-to-lake proposal in the county-owned property near The Pines.
- Snyder also provided an update on the Sauk County Towns Association meeting, January 15th. There will be a presentation on the state's "county forest" program and the requirements / benefits of designation.

7. Business & Possible Action Items

- a. Discussion and possible action on policy for "distribution lists" in either hardcopy or electronic format of plan commission minutes and agendas.

Schmidt suggested this may relate to the discussion, going back a year ago, related to the Town's having its own website. Iausly provided an overview of the state's web-based template program, which had been explored, and said he would provide an update at a future meeting. Schmidt suggested a local resource, although the Town would have to maintain the website once it was designed. Graves summarized a recent email request for the Plan Commission's Minutes, which had initiated having the issue of distribution lists on the Agenda. Discussion followed about the pros and cons and it was suggested that in the interim, such requests could be mailed by the Town Clerk.

Motion recommending that the Town Board begin developing an email distribution list for Minutes of its meetings and those of its committees / Snyder / Schmidt / Motion passed unanimously.

- b. Discussion on letter to Attorneys on the interpretation of the text in Agricultural District 7.05(2) and issues regarding inconsistency of enforcement as discussed at 12.12.06 Plan Commission meeting.

Concern was expressed about the Town's taking responsibility for enforcement, as recommended in the memo and that it would help to have more uniformity from Baraboo. A resident said increasing uniformity requirements would provide no guaranty that there would be any increase in the County's enforcement: "There's no enforcement, there likely won't be any enforcement." Iausly said if the developments were re-zoned, it should ensure that there would not be new conflicts created.

Motion supporting proceeding with rezoning, including holding public information meetings in addition to the County's required public hearing / Snyder / Schmidt / Motion passed unanimously.

Schmidt asked whether the Town would provide a summary of what rezoning would entail for residents. Graves said the County should provide that, and such a summary would help outline what the County plans to enforce.

Motion requesting that the County provide a written summary of the implications for residents of the area proposed for re-zoning, such as non-conforming uses in the ag district, if it were rezoned to residential / Graves / in discussion, Graves was asked to draft a letter for the Plan Commission to review, which she accepted as a friendly amendment / Iausly / Motion passed unanimously.

- c. Report from the ad-hoc committee related to Sauk County Parks and Transportation Department's proposed mineral extraction for formation of Lake Park on S06, T08N, R3E. Town of Spring Green.

Draft Minutes were distributed and Iausly reported on the meeting of the ad-hoc sub-committee which, he said, had good discussion with several individuals participating in a round-table discussion. One recommendation was that the Town's comprehensive plan incorporate mineral extraction areas that would be most desirable.

Motion adopting the ad-hoc sub-committee's recommendation:

Proposed action to Plan Commission and Town Board:

The sub-committee would request that a resolution be passed by the Town of Spring Green Plan Commission and by the Town of Spring Green Board that states the following.

The Town of Spring Green does not believe that the development of a sand pit in the County Forest property is the best use of the land. The Town of Spring Green is willing to work with others to explore other locations that may be more suited for non-metallic mineral extraction.

The County's proposed Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan may be useful, but it only focuses on the recreational activities and does not address the true management of the property. The Town of Spring Green would like the County Forest property be part of a regional or statewide, long range program that provides professional management for the property.

and forwarding its support to the Town Board for its concurrence / Snyder / Graves / after discussion, Schmidt clarified that the intent of the Motion was to send both paragraphs to the Town Board, which may modify its own communications, as warranted, in response to subsequent developments that may transpire between this meeting and the Town's March 2007 meeting / **Motion passed with three Aye votes and Snyder abstaining because he wished to know more about the FAA's position and didn't have that information at this time.**

8. **Public Comment** - Residents spoke to the discussions at recent County meetings. Iausly was commended for his leadership of the ad-hoc sub-committee.

9. **The next Plan Commission meeting will be March 20th.**

10. **Motion adjourning the meeting at 8:42 p.m. / Snyder / Graves / Motion passed unanimously.**

Signature of the Secretary: _____

Joni Graves

Signature of the Chair: _____

Mary Merlie